

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered). Claim 16 has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please AMEND and ADD claims in accordance with the following:

1. (Currently Amended) A business management support method in which computers of a service provider, a service beneficiary, a service intermediary and an intellectual service cooperator are connected via a network with one another, said method comprising:

collecting enterprise information in ~~said-the~~ computer of said service provider from ~~said the~~ computer of said service beneficiary;

providing said collected enterprise information collected by the computer of said service provider to ~~said-the~~ computer of said intellectual service cooperator to make a request for consultation; and

receiving in the computer of said service provider a result of the consultation to be provided to the computer of said service beneficiary ~~by-preparing support information tempered from the computer of said intellectual service cooperator, sending said result from the computer of said service provider to the computer of said service intermediary, tempering said result in the service intermediary with service intermediary business information by-from the computer of said service intermediary from the computer of said intellectual service cooperator and posting said consulting result to the computer of said service intermediary to create support information, and providing from the service intermediary said support information to the computer of said service beneficiary.~~

2. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein said service intermediary is a bank which has dealings with said service beneficiary.

3-6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein depending on predefined follow levels, masking is effected in sequence on:

enterprise information collected in said collecting enterprise information,
enterprise information provided to ~~said the~~ computer of said intellectual service
cooperator in said providing said collected enterprise information, and
~~the results of consultation~~ said result on which ~~said the~~ computer of said service
beneficiary is ~~posted in said posting the results~~ provided.

8. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 7, wherein when said follow level is a maximum level, said enterprise information and said ~~results of consultation~~ result are completely indicated without masking, and wherein when said follow level is a minimum level, masking is made on attribute information other than requisite items in said enterprise information and said ~~results of consultation~~ result, and wherein when said follow level is a level lying between said maximum level and said minimum level, said attribute information is indicated partially or in a simplified manner.

9. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein said intellectual service cooperator includes an auditing corporation, a think tank, a securities firm and a capital gain company.

10. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, further comprising executing a business management support service ~~using digital contract information by said the~~ computer of said service provider, that includes management diagnosis, support of going public business, support of publicity work for investors and support of various settlements.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) A computer readable record medium having thereon recorded a business management support program to be run by a computer of a service provider which is connected via a network with computers of a service beneficiary, a service intermediary and an intellectual service cooperator, said program which when executed by a computer causes the computer to perform a process comprising:

collecting enterprise information in ~~said the~~ computer of said service provider from ~~said the~~ computer of said service beneficiary;

providing said collected enterprise information collected by the computer of said service provider to ~~said the~~ computer of said intellectual service cooperator to make a request for consultation; and

receiving in the computer of said service provider a result of the consultation to be provided to the computer of said service beneficiary ~~by preparing support information tempered from the computer of said intellectual service cooperator, sending said result from the computer of said service provider to the computer of said service intermediary, tempering said result in the service intermediary with service intermediary business information by from the computer of said service intermediary from the computer of said intellectual service cooperator and posting said consulting result to the computer of said service intermediary to create support information, and providing from the service intermediary said support information to the computer of said service beneficiary.~~

13. (Currently Amended) A business management support system having a network via which computers of a service provider, a service beneficiary, a service intermediary and an intellectual service cooperator are connected with one another, said system comprising:

an information collecting unit which collects enterprise information from ~~said the~~ computer of said service beneficiary;

a requesting unit which provides said collected enterprise information collected by said information collecting unit to ~~said the~~ computer of said intellectual service cooperator to make a request for consultation; and

an information providing unit which upon receipt of a result of the consultation to be provided to the computer of said service beneficiary ~~by preparing support information tempered from the computer of said intellectual service cooperator, sending said result from the computer of said service provider to the computer of said service intermediary, tempering said result in the service intermediary with service intermediary business information by from the computer of said service intermediary from the computer of said intellectual service cooperator and posting said consulting result to the computer of said service intermediary to create support information, and providing from the service intermediary said support information to the computer of said service beneficiary.~~

14-16. (Cancelled)

17. (New) A method comprising:

collecting, by a service provider, enterprise information from a service beneficiary and defining a set of consulting services for the service beneficiary based on the collected enterprise information;

requesting, by the service provider, consulting services from an intellectual service cooperator for the service beneficiary based on the set of defined consulting services and sending the collected enterprise information to the intellectual service cooperator for analysis; and

analyzing, by the intellectual service cooperator, the collected enterprise information to form an analysis result and sending the analysis result to the service provider, wherein

upon acceptance by the service provider of the analysis result, the service provider sends the analysis result to the service intermediary, the service intermediary adds transaction information between the service intermediary and the service beneficiary to the analysis result, and forwards the analysis result to the service beneficiary to form the basis of a consulting contract for the requested consulting services.